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SUBJ: MONTREUX CONVENTION AND SOVIET AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

1. MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS AEGEAN/LOS
SECTION CHIEF TURMEN TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 4 THAT MONTREUX
CONVENTION WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED IN JULY, 1976
FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEAR PERIOD PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 28 OF
THE CONVENTION. TURMEN SAID THAT NO REQUESTS HAD BEEN
RECEIVED FOR AMENDING OR DENOUNCING THE AGREEMENT.

2. THE QUESTION OF PASSAGE THROUGH THE STRAITS BY THE
SOVIET AIRCRAFT CARRIERS MINSK AND KIEV CAME UP IN THE
COURSE OF A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE GOT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD
THE MONTREUX AGREEMENT. TURMEN SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO
PRIMARY PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE AGREEMENT: (A) TURKISH
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CONTROL OF THE STRAITS AND (B) DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS AND

INTERESTS OF THE BLACK SEA POWERS. HE STATED THAT IN THE LIGHT OF TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENT TO THE SIGNING OF THE CONVENTION IN 1936, THE CONVENTION SHOULD BE INTERPRETED FLEXIBLY IN ORDER TO RETAIN A CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE. "ANY HOW," HE NOTED, "THERE IS A CONSENSUS AT NATO TO ALLOW THE VESSELS TO TRANSIT." (COMMENT: THE IMPLICATION OF TURMENOS REMARKS IS THAT THE GOT--OR AT LEAST THE MFA--FAVORS PERMITTING PASSAGE OF THE SOVIET SHIPS)

3. FOR USNATO: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS YOU HAVE ON CURRENT STATUS OF THE TRANSIT ISSUE.
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